

## **REPORTED CRIMES OF INTEREST FOR THE BASSETLAW EAST CLAYWORTH/ STURTON BEAT AREA – NOVEMBER 2017.**

The Clayworth/ Sturton beat area includes the following villages and hamlets – Drakeholes, Wiseton, Clayworth, Hayton, Clarborough, Welham, Tiln, North Leverton with Habbleshthorpe, North Wheatley, South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, Bole, West Burton, Littleborough, Coates and Fenton.

The crimes of interest – incidents of burglary, criminal damage and thefts – reported for the beat area between 01/11/2017 and 30/11/2017 were –

Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 (North Leverton).

Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle – 2 (Clarborough and Sturton le Steeple).

Criminal Damage Other – 2 (Clayworth and Sturton le Steeple).

This month there has been five reported crimes of interest across the whole beat area. This compares with three crimes reported throughout October 2017 and six crimes reported over the same period last year.

So far this year, from 01/04/2017, there have been forty nine crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with fifty eight reported in the same period last year. As such, eight months into the tracking year, these figures equate to a decrease in reported crime in that period of nine crimes. With there being six parishes on this beat area, this averages out at around one crime per parish per month so far in this tracking year. Yes, this is one crime per parish per month too much but, compared to adjoining beat areas, these figures are quite low.

At the last Priority Setting Group meeting at Retford Town Hall, rural crime, including poaching, was identified as one of the top priorities for residents living in the Bassetlaw Rural area. Over the last few months, or so, a number of night time operations have been conducted in order to stop/disrupt this type of activity. Some of these I have been involved in myself.

Other forces, including Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire have also been involved in these operations, particularly in cross border areas. Officers were assisted by some local farmers, landowners and gamekeepers in the operations, all seeking the same goal in tackling rural and wildlife crime.

The Christmas tree lights were switched on at Retford a few days ago and most neighbouring parishes will already have completed the same, or will be doing so soon. I look forward to seeing more of you at other planned events and engagements.

While you are out with your list shopping for gifts, consider your personal safety and the security of your property.

Whilst it is lovely to arrive home to your Christmas tree in the window, piled high with gifts, it is also very attractive to a thief.

Close your curtains once it is dark. Put your lights on a timer so it looks like someone is in even if you are still at work, and do not leave valuables, including keys and shopping bags, on display in your homes or cars.

A number of these 24 hour plug-in segment timers are available free of charge from the local SPAR store at Clarborough, the general store and Post Office at North Leverton and the general store and Post Office at South Wheatley.

Most importantly, always lock your doors and do not leave open windows. Over the last few months, whilst out on patrols, the local beat team has come across doors being left unlocked when the house is unoccupied, windows being left open – particularly the smaller top ones – in

similar circumstances, vehicles being left unlocked overnight and locked vehicles parked on the public highway with valuable items clearly visible.

At this time of the year, in particular, there never seems to be enough hours in the day. Please remain security conscious over the Christmas period – remember criminals are with us all the year round, they do not take a break for Christmas.

This month there has been just one reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area. This compares with ten reported incidents for October 2017 and six reported for the same month in 2016. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues.

**The control room continue to receive reports from community members of sightings of suspicious persons, vehicles and activity across the beat area. These calls are important to us all and do help in keeping reported crime figures relatively low across the beat area.**

Some of you will be aware that PC Darren Hayes was introduced as being the replacement beat manager for PC Bill Bailey, who has retired from the Force. PC Hayes has, at relatively short notice, left the Force also. PC Jason Fellows has now been announced as the covering beat manager for this beat area.

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**Please do not use these telephone numbers to report incidents and/ or crimes. Our works numbers should only be used for non-urgent matters – including seeking advice and/ or information.**

As this is the last Police report I send out before the Festive season, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your valued interest and support in the last year, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Best Regards. PCSO 8139 Dave Airey.**